

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A device for storing data, comprising:

an interfacing circuit that ~~includes~~ comprises a data communication path through which said data can be bilaterally communicated between said device for storing data and an external device, which is coupled to said device for storing data with a first interface cable, and a first power-supplying path through which a power current can be bilaterally supplied between said device for storing data and said external device, wherein said first interface cable also ~~includes~~ comprises said data communication path and said first power-supplying path, and wherein a peripheral device can be also coupled to said device for storing data through a second interface cable;

a data-storing unit to store said data sent from said interfacing circuit;

a plurality of interface connecting ports serving as input/output terminals of said interfacing circuit, wherein said first interface cable can be connected to a first interface connecting port being one of said plurality of interface connecting ports, and wherein said second interface cable can be connected to a second interface connecting port being another one of said plurality of interface connecting ports; and

a power-supply section to supply a first power current for driving said data-storing unit[[.]], wherein a second power current, being a part of said first power current output by said power-supply section, is also supplied to said peripheral device through a second power-supplying path included in said second interface cable connected to said second interface connecting port; and

a power controller to control said interfacing circuit in such a manner that a third power current, supplied from said external device through said first interface connecting port, is further supplied to said peripheral device through said second interface connecting port, only when said power controller detects that said power-supply section is deactivated.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim [[5]] 3,

wherein said external device is a personal computer and said data-storing unit is a magneto-optics disk drive.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A device for storing data, comprising:

an interfacing circuit that ~~includes~~ comprises a data communication path through which said data can be bilaterally communicated between said device for storing data and an external device, which is coupled to said device for storing data with a first interface cable, and a power-supplying path through which a power current can be bilaterally supplied between said device for storing data and said external device, wherein said first interface cable also ~~includes~~ comprises said data communication path and said power-supplying path;

a data-storing unit to store said data sent from said interfacing circuit;

a plurality of interface connecting ports serving as input/output terminals of said interfacing circuit, wherein said first interface cable can be connected to a first interface connecting port being one of said plurality of interface connecting ports, and ~~plural a~~ plurality of peripheral devices ~~[[are]]~~ can be coupled to said device for storing data with ~~plural a~~ plurality of interface cables through said plurality of interface connecting ports other than said first interface connecting port;

a power-supply section to supply power currents for driving said plurality of peripheral devices and for driving units and sections included in said device for storing data, wherein said units ~~includes~~ comprise said data-storing unit;

a detecting section to detect power-status information sets pertaining to amounts of said power currents required for driving said plurality of peripheral devices coupled through said plurality of interface connecting ports and required for driving said units and sections included in said device for storing data; and

a power controller to adjust each of said amounts of said power currents to be distributed among said plurality of peripheral devices, said units and sections, on the basis of said power-status information sets detected by said detecting section.

10. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim 9, wherein a power current, supplied from said external device through said first interface connecting port and further supplied to one of said plurality of peripheral devices through one of said plurality of interface connecting ports, passes through said interfacing circuit ~~as it is~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim 9, wherein said power controller controls a power-supplying mode of said device for storing data, so as to share a total amount of a power current, supplied from said external device coupled through said first interface connecting port, and another power current, supplied from said a power-supply unit, among said plurality of peripheral devices coupled through said plurality of interface connecting ports other than said first interface connecting port.

12. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim 9, wherein said external device is a personal computer and said data-storing unit is a magneto-optics disk drive.

13. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim 9,

wherein said power controller is driven by a power current supplied from said external device through said first interface connecting port.

14. (Currently Amended) The device for storing data as recited in [[of]] claim 9, wherein said power controller is driven by a power current supplied from said power-supply section when said power-supply section is activated, while said power controller is driven by a power current supplied from said external device through said first interface connecting port when said power-supply section is deactivated.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7 and 8. Replacement sheet 1, which includes Fig. 7, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7. Replacement sheet 2, which includes Fig. 8, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8. In both Figs. 7 and 8, the additional text "Prior Art" has been added, as suggested by the Examiner.

Attachments :      Replacement Sheet 1  
                         Replacement Sheet 2